GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DEDICATED AIR SERVICE TO NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to procure passenger aircraft specially for dedicated service to North Easternregion with Guwahati, as the hub;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame by which North East shall be able to have such dedicated air service?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a),(b) and (c) : The proposal of Indian Airlines for purchase of six 50 seater ATR 42-500 aircraft was considered by the Government in June, 1999. However, the proposal was not found viable. Therefore, the Government advised IndianAirlines t o explore the possibility of acquiring these aircraft on lease basis. Currently, Indian Airlines is in the process of finalising dry-lease of ATR-42-320 aircraft.